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NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR: Members, National Foreign Intelligence Board

SUBJECT: Intelligence Definitions

REFERENCE: NFIB 24.1/14, Subject: Definitions of Intelligence,  
dated 13 September 1977

1. The Intelligence Definitions Working Group, which was established by the reference, has completed the initial task of devising definitions appropriate for inclusion in an unclassified intelligence glossary. You are asked to comment on:

- The substance of the definitions;
- Any terms which should be included (with proposed definitions) or any terms which you deem inappropriate and believe should be omitted;
- The draft Preface, Methodology, and Maintenance chapters (which will be part of the publication containing the glossary); and
- The draft list of acronyms and abbreviations.

2. While this coordination is underway, the Working Group will continue to develop supporting annexes designed to enhance the glossary when it is published (to include an index of other glossaries, graphic relationships of words and terms, and duplicate definitions and sources of intelligence terms). In connection with the latter, please bear in mind that the definitions in this glossary may not and need not coincide precisely with definitions used elsewhere for departmental or special legal purposes. I welcome any suggestions you have which will move the glossary closer to publication.

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Chairman

Attachments:

1. draft Preface, etc.
2. draft Glossary of Intelligence  
Terms and Definitions